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The Senate met at 9 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by the Reverend Allen P. Novotny of the Society of Jesus, Gonzaga College High School, Washington, D.C.

We are pleased to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Father Allen P. Novotny, S.J., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we acknowledge at the beginning of these deliberations that all power in our world is from You. May Your power become a reality in our lives and in our Nation: the power of You, our God—the power of truth, the power of justice, the power of holiness, the power of love.

May this power fire the hearts of the women and men of this Senate. May this power reach out through their hands to build up our Nation, to overcome all obstacles, to cross all distances, to give life and hope and care and dignity to each other and to all our people.

In a spirit of humility, may they accept the gift of this power and the responsibility it enjoins on them. May they commit themselves to the hard work of freedom and justice—the work of You, our God, which leads to understanding. Amen.

RECOGNIZING THE SENATE'S GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce to my colleagues Reverend Allen Novotny. He is our guest Chaplain today and I hope some of you will take the time to introduce yourself. Fr. Novotny is the President of Gonzaga College High School, a Jesuit high school for boys located only a few blocks away from the Capitol.

In 1821, the Jesuits founded Gonzaga which operates in the tradition of teaching and learning established by the founder of the Jesuits, Ignatius of Loyola. Throughout our nation's history—through the Civil War, the Great Depression, the World Wars, and the civil rights movement, Gonzaga has maintained its commitment to teaching and learning in the heart of Washington's inner-city, on a street it shares with leaders of business and government, on a block where it ministers to and comforts the least fortunate of society.

It is both ironic and appropriate that Gonzaga be situated just a few blocks from our nation's Capitol Building. Gonzaga, like so much of the United States, is a melting pot. Gonzaga combines the largest minority population of any Jesuit High School in the United States with one of the lowest tuitions in the Washington area. Gonzaga is a realized mission of social and economic diversity that offers all who attend the school a glimpse of the full life spectrum. Gonzaga combines service to the community—taking the form of service projects both in the U.S. and abroad, student-assisted tutoring for underprivileged children, and an on-campus, student-assisted McKenna Center & Food Wagon homeless shelter—with top academics and athletics. Gonzaga is, in other words, a complete educational experience.

I hope my colleagues will take the time to learn more about Gonzaga's special character. Gonzaga has served the Washington community well and, under the steady leadership of Fr. Novotny, I believe it will continue to do so.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will immediately resume consideration of the Department of Defense authorization conference report. There are 3 hours remaining for debate, with a vote occurring on adoption of the conference report at 12 noon. Following that vote, the Senate may begin consideration of S. 442, the Internet bill, under the consent agreement reached last night. The Senate may also begin consideration of the Cold Bay-King Cove legislation under a 6-hour time agreement, or any other legislative or executive items cleared for action. Therefore, Members should expect rollcall votes throughout Thursday's session as the Senate continues to consider important legislation prior to sine die adjournment. I thank my colleagues for their attention.

STROM THURMOND NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999—CONFERENCE REPORT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the conference report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Conference report to accompany H.R. 3616 to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

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